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For : SELF-EXPANDING EXTERIOR CONNECTORS FOR
CREATING ANASTOMOSES TO SMALL-DIAMETER
VESSELS AND METHODS OF USE

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from which priority is claimed.

[X] This application claims the benefit of provisional patent application No. 60/416,485, filed on October 4, 2002.

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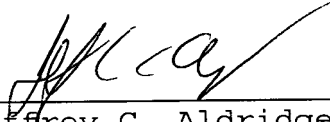
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